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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, UNGA, KS, KN  
SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA: CORE GROUP

REF: STATE 088523

SUMMARY: EMBASSY ADVISED MOFA OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING  
REGARDING CONVENING CORE GROUP. ROKG RESPONSE EXPECTED  
EARLY NEXT WEEK. CANADIANS REPORT ALGIERS NOT PARTICULARLY  
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED PARAS 1 - 3 REFTEL WITH MOFA U.N.  
DIVISION CHIEF YI CHONG-PIN, APRIL 21. HE SAID HE WOULD  
RELAY DEPARTMENT'S VIEW TO FONMIN WHO IS NOW IN LONDON,  
AND WOULD PROBABLY HAVE AN ANSWER EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. YI'S ONLY COMMENT ON DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS PARA  
ONE REFTEL WAS TO NOTE THAT WHILE SITUATION APPEARS  
MODERATELY FAVORABLE FOR AVOIDING KOREAN DEBATE IN  
32ND UNGA, POSSIBILITY STILL EXISTS THAT NORTH KOREA  
COULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION MERELY CALLED FOR IMPLEMENTA-  
TION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION PASSED AT 30TH UNGA, OR  
ALTERNATIVELY CALLING FOR "GREAT NATIONAL POLITICAL  
CONFERENCE", WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE ROKG WHILE MISLEADING  
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UNINFORMED DELEGATES INTO THINKING NORTH KOREA ACTUALLY  
FAVORED DIALOGUE. YI SAID FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN HAD  
EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST THAT  
IF KOREAN QUESTION COULD BE FINESSED FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE  
UNGA'S, NORTH KOREA WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME  
IN RESURRECTING ISSUE. THUS, ANY NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION,  
HOWEVER MILD, WOULD BE DANGEROUS BECAUSE IT WOULD SERVE

TO KEEP THE ISSUE ALIVE IN SUCCEEDING GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.

3. YI SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR JEFFREY CHARLEBOIS HAD VISITED HIM EARLIER IN DAY TO CONVEY REPORT FROM CANADIAN CHARGE IN ALGIERS TO EFFECT THAT ALGERIANS DID NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AT NACC. CANADIAN CHARGE REPORTEDLY SPECULATED THAT THIS ATTITUDE WAS RESULT OF CONTINUED INFLEXIBILITY OF NORTH KOREA'S POSITION AND CUMULATIVE EFFORTS OF CORE GROUP DEMARCHES IN ALGIERS LAST YEAR. EMBOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED CORE GROUP AND RELATED ISSUE WITH CHARLEBOIS WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY YI TO POLL CANADIAN EMBASSIES IN NACC COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO NORTH KOREA. CHARLEBOIS APPEARS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COORDINATION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA AND WE ANTICIPATE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS CANADIANS ARE TAKING.  
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